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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Ingrid Williams
County of Los Angeles
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
Word Trade Center
350 South Figueroa Street – Suite 288
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Dear Ms. Williams:

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR POLICY AND/OR INFORMATION FROM OCTOBER 20, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written response to custody and immigration related questions from the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC). The Department (LASD) has provided answers to the questions we believe we can provide accurate answers for.

LASD will have to respectfully direct the COC to Correctional Health Services in order to provide answers for many of the questions related to COVID-19, Monkeypox and pregnant individuals. As with any medical policies and directives concerning the persons in our care, LASD works closely with CHS to ensure we are supporting and following their direction regarding any medical protocols.

COVID-19 Impact on the Incarcerated Population

1. Describe any updates to LASD COVID-19 policies, procedures and guidelines since June 2021.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) and CHS set procedures as they relate to COVID-19, which LASD, in turn, follows. CHS would be in the best position to answer how COVID-19 procedures have changed based on revised public health guidance.

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2. Explain any impact that the COVID-19 Omicron variant has had on the jail population.

CHS should be able to provide a complete, accurate answer.

3. Describe the LASD plan, if any, for making the new COVID-19 Omicron vaccination available to individuals in the jails.

CHS should be able to provide a complete, accurate answer. LASD will support any efforts by CHS to provide new/updated COVID-19 vaccinations to individuals in jail.

Monkeypox Impact on the Incarcerated Population

1. Describe any LASD Monkeypox policies, procedures, and guidelines.

LASD continues to follow all guidelines and recommendations as set by CHS and DPH. CHS will need to provide a more complete, accurate, and current answer.

2. Describe the impact that Monkeypox has had on the jail population since it was first confirmed in California in May 2022.

While LASD would like clarification on exactly what "impact" is meant from a custody operations perspective the largest impact has been medical quarantines as ordered by CHS. CHS would be able to provide a more complete answer.

3. Explain the LASD plan for making the monkeypox vaccine available to individuals in jail.

LASD will support the efforts and plans directed by DPH and CHS. CHS should be contacted for their vaccination distribution plan.

Women in Jails

1. Provide the current number of pregnant people in custody.

As of November 8, 2022, LASD was informed that 20 persons in our care were identified as pregnant. Please note only CHS can identify an individual as pregnant and they should be contacted to provide the most current and accurate number.

2. Provide the number of in-custody births and outcomes from January 1, 2020, to present.

CHS will need to provide a response to this question.

3. Provide the data on the number of pregnant people released to the Office of Diversion & Reentry or other community-based programs from January 1, 2022, to present.

Between January 1, 2020, and November 7, 2022, 168 individuals identified as pregnant by CHS were released from LASD custody. Of the 168, 22 were released to the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) while 12 were released to non-ODR community-based programs.

4. Describe the policies for bonding time after birth for people in the jail population.

CHS will need to provide a response to this question as the provisions and requirements for bonding are a medical protocol.

5. Explain how the new out-of-cell time policy is impacting pregnant people

While some clarification on exactly what is meant by “impacting” would help, CHS would probably be in the best position to provide a response to this question.

In-Custody Deaths Annual Report

1. Explain the LASD ability to collaborate with the Department of Health Services to develop the LASD annual reports on In-Custody Deaths, with the first report due by no later than the 2nd week of February of each year (as referenced in June 30, 2022, communications).

LASD and CHS will be able to collaborate using the healthcare summary and other information compiled during the collaborative death review process. With information considered privileged or otherwise confidential under state or federal law will not be included in the annual report there should be more than sufficient information within the report to assist the Commission in carrying out your oversight role.

Immigration Policy Adherence

1. Provide the number of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Criminal Warrants that the LASD received for people in custody since January 2020.

The Department of Homeland Security (HLS) often does not differentiate or specify the specific office (e.g., ICE) issuing a criminal warrant. To be as transparent as possible, LASD reviewed *all* criminal warrants issued by HLS.

Between January 1, 2020, and November 8, 2022, LASD received a total of 24 criminal warrants from HLS for 23 individuals (one individual was issued two separate criminal warrants by HLS). Of those warrants, LASD identified 17 criminal warrants with an immigration related charge – 16 for Reentry After A Previous Removal (U.S. Code Title 8, § 1326 et. al.) and 1 for Bringing In/Harboring Certain Immigrants (U.S. Code Title 8, § 1324 et. al.).

2. Provide the U-Visa certification form and tracking stats for each LASD Patrol Station since January 2020.

The U-Visa certification form (Form I-918) is available on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website: www.uscis.gov. The specific form used to certify an application for a U-Visa is Form I-918 Supplement B. For tracking stats, please see the attached tables.

Other: Miscellaneous

1. Describe the status of the Los Angeles County jail population, overcrowding issues and any impact on conditions of confinement.

LASD needs clarification on the exact information being requested when referring to “impact.”

However, the population and processing times are within court set limits. Individuals are being processed in well under 24-hours with no individuals waiting for housing due to lack of space/beds.

2. Describe the number of Custody Facility Town Hall meetings conducted by facility since January 2020, the issues that were derived from each meeting and the status of the issues resolutions documented in the Town Hall Tracker.

Traditionally, Townhall meetings with the persons in our care provide an opportunity for them to voice concerns on many topics. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and CHS recommending we avoid large group settings, Townhalls were significantly curtailed and replaced with informational briefings in collaboration with CHS, to provide education and information regarding Covid, vaccinations, quarantines, etc. LASD has resumed normal Townhall meetings as the Covid mitigation restrictions have been revised.


Please see the table below for Town Hall meeting data.

Town Meetings	2020	2021	2022 YTD
TTCF	1,084	944	785
MCJ	289	395	459
IRC	0	0	0
CRDF	818	1,110	639
NCCF	687	787	559
NORTH	390	363	307
SOUTH	380	450	326
EAST	12	0	0
Total	3,659	4,044	3,074

If you have any questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact Assistant Sheriff Brendan J. Corbett at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERFF



BRENDAN J. CORBETT
ASSISTANT SHERIFF

TABLE 1 – U-Visas 2020

Station/Unit	Submitted	Certified	Certified %	Denied	Reasons Denied		
					Non-Qual	Uncooperative	No Invest
Altadena (ALD)	8	7	87.5%	1	0	1	0
Avalon (AVA)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Carson (CAS)	10	7	70.0%	3	3	0	0
Century (CEN)	95	83	87.4%	12	10	2	0
Cerritos (CER)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Compton (CPT)	81	71	87.7%	10	7	3	0
County Services Bureau (CSB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Crescenta Valley (CVS)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
East Los Angeles (ELA)	96	86	89.6%	10	6	4	0
Homicide (HOM)	19	19	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Internal Criminal (ICIB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Industry (IDT)	31	27	87.1%	4	2	0	2
Jail Investigation (JIU)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Lakewood (LKD)	17	15	88.2%	2	2	0	0
Lancaster (LAN)	26	23	88.5%	3	3	0	0
Lomita (LMT)	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Major Crimes Bureau (MCB)	2	1	50.0%	1	0	1	0
Malibu/Lost Hills (LHS)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Marina Del Rey (MDR)	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Norwalk (NWK)	32	27	84.4%	5	3	2	0
Operation Safe Streets (OSS)	24	24	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Palmdale (PLM)	33	20	60.6%	13	10	3	0
Parks Bureau (PKB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Pico Rivera (PRV)	16	13	81.3%	3	1	2	0
San Dimas (SDM)	2	2	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Santa Clarita (SCT)	21	16	76.2%	5	4	1	0
South Los Angeles (SLA)	48	46	95.8%	2	2	0	0
Special Victims (SVB)	71	64	90.1%	7	7	0	0
Temple (TEM)	28	24	85.7%	4	3	1	0
Transit Services (TSB)	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Walnut (WAL)	8	8	100.0%	0	0	0	0
West Hollywood (WHD)	8	7	87.5%	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	683	597		86	64	20	2

TABLE 2 – U-Visas 2021

Station/Unit	Submitted	Certified	Certified %	Denied	Reasons Denied		
					Non-Qual	Uncoop	No Invest
Altadena (ALD)	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Avalon (AVA)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Carson (CAS)	7	5	71.4%	2	2	0	0
Century (CEN)	124	117	94.4%	7	7	0	0
Cerritos (CER)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Compton (CPT)	88	87	98.9%	1	0	1	0
County Services Bureau (CSB)	1	0	0.0%	1	1	0	0
Crescenta Valley (CVS)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
East Los Angeles (ELA)	48	47	97.9%	1	1	0	0
Homicide (HOM)	17	17	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Internal Criminal (ICIB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Industry (IDT)	49	37	75.5%	12	6	6	0
Jail Investigation (JIU)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Lakewood (LKD)	21	21	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Lancaster (LAN)	30	29	96.7%	1	1	0	0
Lomita (LMT)	4	4	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Major Crimes Bureau (MCB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Malibu/Lost Hills (LHS)	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Marina Del Rey (MDR)	2	2	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Norwalk (NWK)	32	30	93.8%	2	1	1	0
Operation Safe Streets (OSS)	28	28	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Palmdale (PLM)	27	23	85.2%	4	4	0	0
Parks Bureau (PKB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Pico Rivera (PRV)	20	18	90.0%	2	2	0	0
San Dimas (SDM)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Santa Clarita (SCT)	29	24	82.8%	5	1	4	0
South Los Angeles (SLA)	61	59	96.7%	2	0	2	0
Special Victims (SVB)	91	72	79.1%	19	13	6	0
Temple (TEM)	30	18	60.0%	12	6	6	0
Transit Services (TSB)	10	9	90.0%	1	1	0	0
Walnut (WAL)	14	10	71.4%	4	3	1	0
West Hollywood (WHD)	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	740	664		76	49	27	0

TABLE 3 – U-Visas 2022 (through October)

Station/Unit	Submitted	Certified	Certified %	Denied	Reasons Denied		
					Non-Qual	Uncoop	No Invest
Altadena (ALD)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Avalon (AVA)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Carson (CAS)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Century (CEN)	56	50	89.3%	6	3	3	0
Cerritos (CER)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Compton (CPT)	77	66	85.7%	11	10	1	0
County Services Bureau (CSB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Cresenta Valley (CVS)	3	2	66.7%	1	1	0	0
East Los Angeles (ELA)	1	0	0.0%	1	1	0	0
Homicide (HOM)	15	15	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Internal Criminal (ICIB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Industry (IDT)	50	31	62.0%	19	15	4	0
Jail Investigation (JIU)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Lakewood (LKD)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Lancaster (LAN)	23	18	78.3%	5	5	0	0
Lomita (LMT)	2	2	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Major Crimes Bureau (MCB)	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Malibu/Lost Hills (LHS)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Marina Del Rey (MDR)	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Norwalk (NWK)	32	28	87.5%	4	1	3	0
Operation Safe Streets (OSS)	22	18	81.8%	4	2	2	0
Palmdale (PLM)	19	15	78.9%	4	4	0	0
Parks Bureau (PKB)	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Pico Rivera (PRV)	26	22	84.6%	4	4	0	0
San Dimas (SDM)	3	1	33.3%	2	1	1	0
Santa Clarita (SCT)	29	25	86.2%	4	1	2	1
South Los Angeles (SLA)	48	47	97.9%	1	1	0	0
Special Victims (SVB)	63	52	82.5%	11	6	5	0
Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB)	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Temple (TEM)	39	27	69.2%	12	2	10	0
Transit Services (TSB)	15	12	80.0%	3	3	0	0
Walnut (WAL)	9	6	66.7%	3	3	0	0
West Hollywood (WHD)	1	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	538	443		95	63	31	1